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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/387,498 filed September 1, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/841,560 filed April 30, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,243,165, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/358,306 filed December 19, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,668,631. To assist the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 listing all of the documents cited in the parent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/387,498)

is attached herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies of the documents cited in the parent application are not submitted herewith.

Japanese Publication Nos. 4-329484 and 1-239406 were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated November 7, 2000 pertaining to a priority document (Japanese Patent Application No. 5-320247) associated with the present application. Japanese Publication Nos. 4-57173 and JP 5-199404 were cited in another Japanese Office Action dated November 7, 2000 pertaining to another priority document (Japanese Patent Application No. 5-320246) associated with the present application. Copies of each associated Japanese Notice of Ground of Rejection and English translations thereof are enclosed herewith.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Therefore, no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of the attached form PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned.

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